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SUBJ: DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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1. IN A MEETING WITH CHIEF MAAG OSLO THIS MORNING,

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GENERAL HAMRE, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

MULTI-NATIONAL FIGHTER GROUP, DISCLOSED THAT IT IS MINISTER FOSTERVOLL'S INTENT TO INCLUDE THE MOD DIRECTOR OF FUTURE PLANS, MR. F. K. MOLVIG, IN THE NORWEGIAN PARTY. MR. MOLVIG HAS THE REQUISITE SECURITY CLEARANCE AND IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH. MR. MULVIG WILL ACCOMPANY THE NORWEGIAN PARTY THROUGH THE SCHEDULE OF 13 SEPTEMBER. MR. MULVIG'S PLANS ARE TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES TO JOIN MR. STOLTENBERG, THE NORWEGIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENSE, LATER THIS MONTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF.

2. OF THE QUESTIONS THE MULTI-NATIONAL FIGHTER GROUP HAS FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR THE MEETING ON 13 SEP, THE ONE TO WHICH GENERAL HARME ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT THE U.S. PROPOSES TO BUY. IN THIS CONNECTION, WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT THE EUROPEAN FOUR NATION GROUP IS COUNTED UPON TO BUY 350 AIRPLANES AND THAT 650 AIRPLANES WILL BE BOUGHT OUTSIDE OF THE FOUR COUNTRY GROUP TO MAKE THE INITIAL PRODUCTION RUN OF 1000. IN MR. VIOLETTE'S PRESENTATION OF 12 JULY, THE 650 AIRPLANES WERE U.S./THIRD COUNTRY. THE U.S. FIGURE IS WHAT THE FOUR NATION GROUP REQUESTS ASSURANCE ABOUT.

3. CHIEF MAAG REMARKED TO GENERAL HAMRE THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON VOICE OF AMERICA THIS MORNING WAS MADE THAT FRANCE PROPOSES TO PURCHASE 40 SUPER MIRAGE F-1'S FOR THEIR OWN INVENTORY. GENERAL HAMRE WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THIS STATEMENT EXCEPTING TO SAY THAT THE FRENCH OFFER WAS AMBIGUOUS IN THAT IT SUGGESTED A PRELIMINARY AND A SUBSEQUENT ORDER OF THE AIRPLANES. GENERAL HAMRE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN FRANCE WERE PRE-EMPTIVE FOR BELGIUM AND THAT NO FIRM DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN BY THAT COUNTRY. IN ADDITION THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO BUY U.S. OR FRANCH IS MOST UNLIKELY TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE U.S. CONTRACTORS HAVE ANSWERED PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER AT WHICH TIME THE MIRAGE SUPER F-1 IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE BEEN FLOWN.

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4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE 7 SEP 74 ISSUE OF THE ECONOMIST, PAGE 17, INDICATES THAT THE FINALISTS IN THE COMPETITION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104 ARE THE FRENCH MIRAGE AND AMERICAN COBRA; THIS SORT OF INFORMATION WOULD APPEAR TO PERFORM A DISSERVICE TO THE OBJECTIVITY OF BOTH THE TESTING BY THE U.S. OF THE TWO LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER PROTOTYPES AND THE SUBSEQUENT SELECTION OF ONE OF THEM. IT IS CONTRARY

TO STATEMENTS MADE BY GENERALS HAMRE AND STOKLA DURING
THEIR JUNE-JULY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. A
CLARIFICATION THAT NEITHER U.S. CONTENDER HAS BEEN RULED
OUT BY THE CONSORTIUM, IN A PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING THE
UPCOMING WASHINGTON MEETING, MAY PROVE WORTHY OF CONSIDER-
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